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REVIEW OF LINCOLN COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

Comprehensive Report Submitted By Road Superintendent — Practically No New Construction In 1931 — Development of Low Cost Road Declared To Be Almost Essential — Protection of Road Surfaces Urged — Roads All Kept Open And Hills Sanded — Cost of Snow Removal Was Much Less

The following comprehensive review of the county road system and work done for the year just concluded, submitted to the Lincoln County Council by County Road Superintendent Ruthford, will be of interest to our readers.

To the Warden and Members of the Lincoln County Council:

I submit this, my eleventh annual report covering the work done during the year 1931.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to prepare a comprehensive report which will embody suggestions for the improvement of roads. At the inception of the road system and at the beginning of systematic improvements, there were so many obvious improvements needed, that suggestions for betterment were simple but when these improvements are effected, new suggestions are not so easily made.

I have endeavored in each report to make suggestions as to needed improvements, all tending, I believe to a better understanding of road problems and to the betterment of roads, with the ultimate object of having all roads under the maximum of service to the public with a minimum of cost consistent with the service rendered.

In order to avoid repetition, it is suggested that reference be made to the ten annual reports preceding this one, because in these reports there may be suggestions which may be of interest and value to you, as the Legislators of the county.

In the gradual improvement of roads many of the suggestions heretofore made, have been systematically carried out but there yet remains many features which require improvement and which may well be taken into serious consideration in future road work.

In fact the time will never come when we may say, "It is finished and nothing remains to be done."

Your road committee in a thorough review of all roads in the county system have made some recommendations which may be further outlined.

Narrow Culverts and Bridges
In the development of roads throughout the county, the road surface has been given first attention, as returning to the investor the greatest immediate returns for the money expended. This is a sound policy but in the stressing of the surface improvement the elimination of narrow culverts and bridges was laid over to a later date, owing to the cost of the work and the seemingly little return for the expenditure. With the improvement of the road surface and the consequent increase of more and faster traffic, the narrow culvert and bridge has become a menace to the travelling public. The lengthening, or rebuilding if necessary, of the most dangerous culverts and bridges should be undertaken almost at once and a further systematic program of elimination should be undertaken so that in a few years time this improvement may be complete.

Changes in Alignment
Almost as important as the elimination of narrow culverts and bridges, is the elimination of curves and turns that cannot be comfortably or sometimes safely negotiated at a reasonable rate of speed. Here again the expediency of road surfacing has had preference over elimination of these features and while such locations are not particularly dangerous to local drivers who are familiar with such points, they do constitute a dangerous situation for those from outside points and with the steady improvements in highways such turns and curves become an unsuspected hazard to the unfamiliar driver. The recurring damage to guard rails and approaches gives ample proof of the need for revision. This work should also have sympathetic attention. It must not be assumed that the County have left such hazards entirely unprotected, because warning signs have been installed at practically all such points.

Widening of Road Grade and Right of Way
Many roads comprising the system have been built on old "given roads" or indefinite width of right of way. In many cases the right of way has not been sufficiently wide to allow the necessary inclusion between the edges of travelled road, shoulders, ditches and pole or tree allowance. From the safety standpoint alone such widening of right of way and the widening of the shoulders should be undertaken, but the widened road will materially decrease maintenance costs in allowing sufficient room for snow removal and in pre-snow maintenance by having all brush, stone and refuse removed from the right of way, which will cause drifting. With a uniform width of road and the whole kept clean and neat the appearance of the thoroughfare is much improved, as well as giving a much better appearance to the adjoining lands.

Ditches On Roads
On many roads, now a part of the County System, previous to the assumption by the county, deep ditches were built. In many cases natural watercourses are almost entirely diverted to the roadside until such ditches are of such a size as to not only be a menace to safety but are a greatly added cost when maintenance is considered. Such ditches should either be removed from the highway or so long as they must remain or be allowed to remain, they should be adequately protected by either guard railing or the removal of traffic to a safe distance from them. Unfortunately these conditions existed long before the roads came under systematic development and such practice was permitted, probably before it was realized what a menace to the travelling public it was.

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MEN'S CLUBS MET TUESDAY

Members of St. Andrew's and United Church Organizations Held Splendid Address By C. W. Bell, K.C., M.P. of Hamilton

Trinity Hall was the scene of a joint gathering of the members of the Men's Clubs of the United and St. Andrew's Churches on Tuesday evening, the latter organization having accepted the invitation extended by the former club to join with them in the meeting at which the special speaker was C. W. Bell, K.C., M.P., of Hamilton, one of the city's leading and most prominent barristers and public men.

Seated around the festive board at the supper hour were over one hundred members of the two churches, the occasion being of particular interest and the function one which was much enjoyed by all in attendance.

Those present were privileged to hear an address of outstanding interest, by Mr. Bell, who very interestingly reviewed the procedure followed in courts of law with particular reference to trials by jury and the change in the severity of the penalties meted out to offenders against the law in earlier years as compared with those imposed to-day.

Speaking on the subject "The Underdog," Mr. Bell gave instances illustrating the present day desire to reclaim the offender and to help him on the road to good citizenship.

Mr. Bell pointed out that when the system of the time of the Magna Charta, it being generally felt that it was of vital importance to have a man judged by his peers rather than by one man subject to the judgment of one man. The average citizens who made up juries were in his opinion, quite competent to render justice, in fact he placed great reliance on trial by jury, characterizing it as one of the greatest bulwarks of the people and said it never should be abolished.

Where abolition of the jury system was advocated, as in the United States the weakness disclosed was not the system but rather the administering of the system. He cited a United States case where in 208 jury trials for murder there were six convictions, whereas in England in 20 murder trials punishment was meted out in 18 cases by jury trial.

The speaker noted the fact that as late as 1818 the punishment meted out in the Old Country for theft and other comparatively minor offenses was death.

In conclusion Mr. Bell said that if anyone who had gone astray could be helped to struggle back to the right path the disposition nowadays is to assist him to do so.

Mr. Bell was introduced by Mayor Boucher who referred to his high standing in the legal profession as well as to the valued service he has rendered to a number of parliament and public-spirited citizens.

At the conclusion of the speaker's remarks Messrs. C. P. Brown and E. J. Muir, on behalf of those assembled, expressed hearty appreciation of the splendid address given by Mr. Bell which was wholeheartedly endorsed by those in attendance.

A cordial welcome to the visiting club was extended by the president of the United Church Men's Club, C. S. Bean who presided which was appropriately acknowledged by Mr. E. H. Hull, president of St. Andrew's Men's Service Club.

The community singing was capably led by Mr. C. D. Millard with Mr. W. E. Cullingford at the piano, while the excellently rendered numbers given by an instrumental trio from Hamilton composed of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Richardson and Mr. Harold Lees, also added to the pleasure of the evening. The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. G. W. Wood, pastor of the church.

In Memoriam

GODDEN — In loving memory of our dear brother Edward who passed away three years ago today January 7th, 1929.
Dear Edward you have left us, How we miss your loving face, But you left us to remember None on earth can take your place, Though we'll be brave dear brother, And pray to God each day, And while he calls us to heaven Your loving smile will guide the way.
Sadly missed by his sisters Edith and Beatrice.

GODDEN — In loving memory of our dear son and brother Edward Godden, who died of cancer three years ago January 7th, 1929.
We travelled life's road together Amidst hope and faith and love, And conquered life's battles together With strength and comfort from God.
His oftentimes said we'd miss him His words have proved too true, We lost our best and dearest friend Dear son when we lost you.
Sadly missed by Mother and sisters, Charles and Alfred.

EDWARD GODDEN — In loving memory of our dear brother who died of cancer, three years ago, January 7th, 1929.
We miss his help and his cheery ways, With him we spent many happy days; We miss him most when we need a friend, On him we always could depend.
Sadly missed by Roy, Olive and family.



THE LATE DR. J. F. McLAY
Former Medical Officer of Health and Prominent Citizen Here Who Met Tragic Death At Hamilton

ELECTIONS ELSEWHERE

Acclamations In Some Municipalities In Niagara District — Contests In Others

St. Catharines
Nearly half of the electors of St. Catharines exercised their franchise on Friday. Mayor-elect Avery secured 2,064 votes, a majority of 867 over his nearest rival in the fray, Ald. W. J. Westwood stood second with 2,637 votes and A. A. Widdicombe third with 2,524 votes.

A. E. Mix, who was last year defeated, this year came out at the head of the poll with 2,975 votes. E. Ald. W. J. Westwood stood second with 2,637 votes and A. A. Widdicombe third with 2,524 votes.

Abraham Newman made an excellent run, securing 2,475 votes, while who were re-elected Ald. Frank Wilson came sixth on the list with 2,237. Ald. W. J. Westwood, 2,190; Ald. George Treble, 1,848; and Ald. Fred Beard 1,612.

The Daylight Saving question passed with a comfortable two to one majority. The St. Catharines Cold Storage and Forwarding Fixed By-law also met opposition in a few quarters. The by-law, however, received its two-thirds majority.

In the election of members of the Board of Education the defeat of Trustee W. H. Irvine was a surprise. He lost his seat by 30 votes to James A. Rowdson, who will be a new face about the educational board. A. H. Trappell made the outstanding run of the day, being accorded a total of 3,031 votes. W. P. Holmes second with 2,271, Harris, 2,263; Nicholson 1,988 and Rowdson 1,963.

Grimby South
Reeve — Robert E. Book. Council — Frederick Boulter, Andrew L. Shilton, Goodman Pettigrew, William Ball. Reeve Book's majority was about 40 over his opponent, A. J. Dalrymple.

Clinton
Reeve — Clayton Culp. Deputy Reeve — Alex. Groff. Council — Carman Couby, Herbert L. Culp, Samuel Culp.

Caistor
Reeve — Herbert Copeland. Council — Walter Miller, James E. Warner, Ernest Pettigrew, Ernest Beamer.

Gainsboro
Reeve — W. T. Fralick. Council — John Lampman, Albert McCollom, Theron Beamer and Lorne Book (all by acclamation).

Smithville Village
Messrs. Hunter, Healer and Noah Dymond were elected Police Village Trustees for the ensuing year by acclamation. Two others were nominated, but withdrew.

Beamsville
Reeve — E. B. Osborne. Council — R. O. Wilcox, Stafford Hopkinson, R. Kennedy, E. Merritt. (All by acclamation).

Louth
Reeve — S. H. Rittenhouse (accl.). Deputy Reeve — J. R. Clark, H. Fawell, P. Dale. Council — V. Wylie, F. Dale, H. Fawell, John R. and William Scull Jordan.

Truities — J. W. Hunsberry, W. A. Caskey, P. J. Nunemaker (all by acclamation).

Brimley
Reeve — Niram Fletcher. Council — L. Lasham, Gilbert Grier, Ernest Harrison, Garbrie Ecker. (All by acclamation).

Cayuga
South — Reeve — L. Huber, (accl.). Council — H. Clark, George Huffman, J. Borden, J. Brown (accl.).
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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Interesting Meeting Held By Grimby Chapter No. 193 Order Eastern Star

On Tuesday evening the installation of officers for the new year of the Grimby Chapter, No. 193, O.E.S. was performed. Preceding the installation a bounteous repast was enjoyed by about one hundred officers, members and guests at 6 o'clock, the tables being effectively arranged in colors of green and daffodil, being centered with bowls of pink roses. Following the dinner a toast was proposed to The King by Worthy Matron Sister Cloughley, to the Grand Chapter by Worthy Patron Bro. Bromley and responded to by Sister Geddes, D.D.G.M. and Bro. Wickens, P.W.G.P., member of the General Grand Executive of the Grand Chapter of Ontario. A toast was also proposed to the Retiring Officers, by Sister Hitchman, P.M., and responded to by Sister Jewson, W.M., and to the incoming Officers by Sister M. Bromley, P.M., and responded to by Sister Cloughley, W.M.-elect. Miss Helen Cloughley contributed a piano solo.

Following the banquet those present adjourned to the chapter room where business was conducted in a very capable manner. Sister Lillian Jewson, W.M., before handing over the gavel thanked her officers, past matrons and patrons and members for the very happy year she had enjoyed under their support, they had all given her during her term of office, Sister Blanche G. G. D.D.G.M., took charge of the installation assisted by Bro. Murray Wickens, P.W.G.P., and the installing board, when the officers were installed in their respective stations in a very able and beautiful manner. Sister Cloughley the new Worthy Matron after her installation was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses from her officers and the past matrons, and patrons, the presentation being made by Sister Jewson, the retiring matron, who extended wishes for a very happy year.

Sister Cloughley responded with a few well chosen words. At the conclusion of the installation Sister Hannah Acker, P.D.D.G.M., pinned the jewel on Sister Jewson, after which Sister Jewson extended her thanks. Bro. Fielding of Hamilton presented Bro. Hitchman, the retiring patron with his jewel of office and welcomed him into the ranks of past patrons. Bro. Hitchman credibly responded. Sister Jewson was then presented with a handsome silver jug from her officers and past matrons and patrons. Bro. Hitchman, the retiring patron, who extended wishes for a very happy year.

Sister Jewson received many other gifts from loyal and true friends and Sister Cloughley received a silver roll tray from a very dear friend. Sister Rose Harris, the chaplain, was presented by Sister Jewson, P.M. with a beautiful gold Eastern Star ring from Sister Thomas, of London, who has known Sister Harris for many years.

The dues from the banquet tables were delivered to sick members by Sister Cloughley, W.M.

The conveners, Sister Mary Bromley, P.M. and Sister Janet Flett and their committees in charge of the banquet are deserving of much credit for the efforts in making the banquet such a success.

The officers for 1932 are as follows:
Worthy Matron — Mrs. Inez Cloughley.
Worthy Patron — Mr. Wallace Bromley.
Associate Matron — Mrs. Eva Dousett.
Associate Patron — Mr. David Cloughley.

Secretary — Miss Janet Flett.
Treasurer — Miss Sibilla Flett.
Conductress — Mrs. Vivian Lippitt.
Associate Conductress — Mrs. Edith Lindensmith.

Chaplain — Mrs. Rose Harris.
Organist — Mrs. Margaret Pettit.
Adah — Mrs. Laura Mogg.
Ruth — Mrs. Joy Marsh.
Eather — Mrs. Mildred Yeager.
Martha — Miss Elizabeth Milne.
Electa — Mrs. Myrtle Lippitt.
Warder — Mrs. Catharine Groce.
Sentinel — Mr. Herbert Lindensmith.

Trustees — Sister Wray, Bro. Bromley, Bro. Lindensmith.
Auditors — Sister Rose Harris, Bro. Lindensmith.
Retiring Officers — Sister Jewson, Bro. Frank Hitchman.

SCHEDULE FOR THE GRIMBY PEACH KINGS

Dec. 17 — Dunnville at Port Colborne.
Dec. 17 — Port Colborne at Niagara Falls.
Dec. 21 — Port Colborne at Grimby.
Dec. 28 — Dunnville at Grimby.
Dec. 29 — Port Colborne at Niagara Falls.
Jan. 4 — Dunnville at Niagara Falls.
Jan. 4 — Grimby at Port Colborne.
Jan. 7 — Niagara Falls at Port Colborne.
Jan. 8 — Grimby at Dunnville.
Jan. 11 — Niagara Falls at Grimby.
Jan. 11 — Port Colborne at Dunnville.
Jan. 14 — Grimby at Port Colborne.
Jan. 15 — Niagara Falls at Dunnville.
Jan. 18 — Dunnville at Grimby.
Jan. 18 — Port Colborne at Niagara Falls.
Jan. 22 — Grimby at Dunnville.
Jan. 22 — Niagara Falls at Port Colborne.
Jan. 25 — Dunnville at Port Colborne.
Jan. 26 — Grimby at Niagara Falls.
Jan. 28 — Port Colborne at Dunnville.
Jan. 29 — Niagara Falls at Grimby.
Feb. 1 — Port Colborne at Grimby.
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The games that have been postponed on account of warm weather will be played later in the season when arrangements are made.

MANY MOURN PASSING OF LATE DR. J. F. McLAY

Found Unconscious In Car In His Garage In Hamilton, New Year's Day and Succumbed Shortly After To Accidental Poisoning by Carbon Monoxide Gas — Had Distinguished Military Career — Formerly Served on Grimby Council and Board of Education and Also As Medical Officer of Health in Town and Township — Accorded Full Military Honors At Impressive Funeral — Buried In Queen's Lawn Cemetery

A brilliant career marked by public spirited service in the town of Grimby as a municipal councillor and medical officer of health and distinguished service overseas in the World War, was brought to a sudden and tragic close on New Year's afternoon in the death by accidental poisoning in the carbon monoxide gas of Dr. J. F. McLay, 771 Main St. West, Hamilton, and until a year or so ago an esteemed resident of this town. His passing cast a gloom over the community both here and in the city of Hamilton and came as a severe shock to his fellow members of the medical profession, as well as to a legion of friends in both communities.

Dr. McLay was found by Dr. D. A. Warren who called for deceased to accompany him to an intra-garrison reception at the armories, Hamilton, seated in his car in his garage over come by the deadly fumes of carbon monoxide gas. Removed to the General Hospital he lived for upwards of an hour but did not regain consciousness. He was found sitting behind the steering wheel of his car but the motor was not running when he was found, Chief Coroner F. O. A. Cannon was informed.

Born in Woodstock 48 years ago Dr. McLay was a son of the late Frank McLay. After early training at the public schools of that city he went to Woodstock College for the completion of his preliminary education. He attended the University of Toronto and there took first an Arts Course, graduating as a B.A., and then a medical course. In religion he was a Baptist.

After graduating in 1913 Dr. McLay joined the General Hospital staff at Hamilton and was there for about a year before he moved to this town and took over the practice of the late Dr. Morris.

In the town of Grimby the late Dr. McLay during his residence here, exhibited a keen interest in municipal affairs, serving on the town council and the Board of Education. He was subsequently medical officer of health for both the town and township of North Grimby and a coroner for the county of Lincoln.

As a military man, the late Dr. McLay also won the regard of all ranks. When word of his sudden passing reached the Canadian Army Medical Corps Mess of Hamilton, of which he was a member, the New Year's reception at the armories, which was in progress, was called to a halt, and the officers left for home without paying any of the accustomed calls.

Dr. McLay's fellow officers and brother practitioners, Toronto, every hand. The members of the C. A. M. C. Sergeants' Mess expressed their tribute to their officer with a period of two minutes silence.

Distinguished War Record
The late Dr. McLay served with the C. A. M. C. in France and was decorated with the Croix De Guerre (Belgian) and the Military Cross, having a distinguished war record.

Going overseas in the spring of 1915 he received a commission with the Royal Army Medical Corps and served in France. In 1917 he was moved to the Salonika front and served there until the spring of 1918 when he returned to England and was sent again to France where he served as medical officer of the guard division.

In 1918 he was promoted to the rank of Major. He continued to serve in the army of occupation at Cologne and did not return to Grimby until August, 1919.

Besides his widow, he leaves a baby daughter, Mary Jane, at home; his brother, Dean Walter McLay of McMaster University, and five sisters: Mrs. Arthur M. Overholt and Miss Augusta of Brantford, Miss Mabel of New York City, Mrs. (Rev.) L. Brown of Hillsdale, N.Y., and Mrs. Owen Grey of Detroit, Mich. A brother, Dr. Stanley McLay of Woodstock, died several years ago.

Impressive Funeral
The community here as well as in Hamilton united to pay signal honor to the memory of the late Dr. McLay, full military honors being accorded the deceased. A most impressive service took place at Queen's Lawn cemetery, Grimby, on Sunday afternoon where burial was made in the soldier's plot. Citizens of Hamilton, and of the town, and surrounding community attended in unusually large numbers, it being estimated that upwards of five hundred people were present.

Prior to the bringing of the remains to Grimby a funeral service was held at the funeral home of Dodsworth, Mariatt and Brown, in Hamilton, Chancery Whitten of McMaster University officiating. Practically all the medical profession of Hamilton, many officers of the Hamilton garrison, and former Grimby residents now living in Hamilton paid their final tribute of respect at the service, a large number from the city accompanying the remains to this town.

In Hamilton the active pall bearers were all sergeants of the C. A. M. C. who while the deceased was connected with the active pall bearers were Sergeants. Anderson Seaman, Schwab, St. John, Cowan and Q. M. Scott, Chivers of Grimby.

The town bell commenced to toll as the funeral cortege turned out to the business section of Main Street, and continued until the last sad rites were completed. The south side of Main Street was cleared of all motor cars.

The firing party and active pall bearers from the 98th Lincoln and Welland Regiment, together with the members of West Lincoln branch of the Canadian Legion formed up in front of the late Dr. McLay's former office, where the local military detachment under command of Lt. Col. (Continued on page 4)

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Renew Enquiries As To Origin of Barn Fire

Grimby police have renewed inquiries regarding circumstances surrounding a barn fire on a North Grimby farm some 18 months ago.

The barn fire in question was reported to have been of mysterious origin and the owner told the police the day following the fire that shots had been fired at his house during the previous night before the fire occurred. At that time an extensive search had been made but no trace of the fire had been found. It has been learned that a deputy fire marshal, who investigated the fire, has again been in town in connection with the investigation.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION		
	Max.	Min.
Dec. 31	30	25
Jan. 1	34	27
Jan. 2	37	32
Jan. 3	35	33
Jan. 4	36	32
Jan. 5	41	33
Jan. 6	51	33
Rainfall and snow 2.88 inches.		

In Memoriam

HOLMES — In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Harry, who died at McCord, Saskatchewan, Jan. 9th, 1930.
Two years have passed since that day,
God took the one we loved away;
Short and sudden was the call,
For one so dearly loved by all.
The blow was hard, the shock severe,
We little thought the end was near;
But only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting without farewell.
Always remembered by Mother, Father, Sisters and Brother.

Died
NELLES — On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, at his residence, 253 West 99th Street, New York City, Richard Anderson Nelles.

Oddfellows Annual New Year Dance Was Big Success

Fewer people attended this dance this year than in former years owing no doubt to many counter attractions, but those who did attend were amply rewarded as the dance was voted one of the most enjoyable in many years.

The music was in the hands of Buddy Moore and her orchestra composed of local talent, and the orchestra as a whole are to be congratulated on the fine peppy music they served up to the revellers. Many requests have already been received to have them again at a very early date, which in itself speaks well of this local organization.

As usual Bro. Bill Hewson was in charge of the decorations and under his capable direction the hall was gallily festooned and a large supply of balloons, confetti, streamers and instruments of discord were given out to usher in the new year and every body seemed more than glad to usher in Prosperity Year. When the new year had been well received the dancers proceeded to the supper room, where a luncheon was served under the supervision of Bro. Mel Pettit and his kitchen engineers. Good work Mel!

Dancing was resumed until 3 a.m. when it was decided to say finta, although many were loath to call a halt.
Guests from out of town included Oddfellows from St. Catharines, Toronto, Hamilton, Beamsville, Vinona and Stony Creek.

Last week an United States motor car sideswiped a heavy truck load of Christmas trees at Grimby and was considerably damaged on the side. The truck driver had a narrow escape. The truck was parked at the roadside, two feet off the edge of the pavement, while the driver repaired a tire. It was under the truck taking out the spare tire, when the American came along. Apparently the truck in time

Quality has no substitute



Tea "fresh from the gardens"

THE THIRD CLUE

Scotland Yard Triumphs Again
By Shirley Hook

Inspector Reid read the warrant and "administered the usual caution." Tommy Wetherell glanced from him to Royd's aide-de-camp, a bovine sergeant—the three were in the sitting-room of Wetherell's cottage—and smiled.

"You want me to come with you to the station, I suppose?"

"If you please," said Royd.

"Right. Any immediate hurry?"

"We've a car waiting at the corner."

"If you can keep it waiting another ten minutes there's a chance that I may be able to prevent the Law from putting its foot in it rather badly. Listen here"—Tommy was speaking very earnestly now—"You've charged me with murdering old Penrose, the money-lender, and told me that anything I say is liable to be used in evidence, etc. etc. All very legal and proper. Well, with your permission, I'm going to risk it, because I've a whole heap to say."

The inspector hesitated. "Why not wait until we get to the station?"

"Because there's no sense in waiting, though I'll repeat it there if it's any consolation to you. To start with, I'll explain that though I was with old Penrose on the day he died, and heard afterwards that he was dead, that's the beginning and the end of my connection with the affair."

"You can instruct your counsel—"

"Counsel be blowed! Do you suppose I'm going to waste my hard-earned guineas hiring a lawyer, when I can tear every rag of evidence to shreds before the case comes into court at all?"

Royd shrugged his shoulders. "Go ahead, then." He glanced at the bovine sergeant, who had already produced notebook and pencil.

"I've told you already," began Wetherell, "that all I know about it was that Penrose was defunct. The report said that he'd been found dead in the cabin of his motor-boat off Blackfriars Pier, and didn't indicate how he'd died. I was on my way down here when I read it, and frankly the news didn't spoil my night's rest. I'd only met Penrose once before, and though one hates to sling mud at a dead man's reputation, I'm bound to say he struck me both times as a thoroughly unpleasant specimen."

"I shouldn't have called at his office if it hadn't been for this cottage."

"I stayed here last summer, and fell in love with the place. A month ago I heard that it was to be sold, furniture and all. The price was four hundred. Miss Lewin, the owner, gave me the first refusal. I happen to be an artist, and as you're probably aware, artists aren't in the super-tax class. At that particular moment I hadn't four hundred shillings—but a man at the Charcoal Club mentioned Penrose as a possible solution, and on the spur of the moment I looked him up. I was, of course, a fool to expect him to lend me the money, but I hadn't had any previous dealing with the professional Shylock."

"He treated me with effusive geniality until he heard what security I could offer, and then practically shoved me out of the office. Later in the afternoon I came down here to try to persuade Miss Lewin to keep the offer open, and found her packing for a sketching-tour in Cornwall."

"We talked over things, and finally she made me a sporting offer. The option to buy was, to be extended until she returns in the spring till then I might remove in possession as tenant at a guinea a week. She left at something past seven to catch the train at the junction, and I stayed behind."

"Since then, I've hardly been outside the cottage. I haven't seen a newspaper for over a week, and have not wanted to."

"But you're not entirely happy about it? Well, you can't test every statement I've made, and interview as many people as you please—"

"We should do that, in any case."

"But in the meantime, I'm going to ask you to tell me something in return. And that is just what brought you here with that infernal warrant—why you pitched on me as Penrose's murderer, instead of someone else who owed him a grudge. For you're not going to tell me that he hadn't enemies, scores of 'em."

"No, I'm not going to tell you that," agreed the inspector. "But whoever killed the old man in that little cabin of his—"

"Half a jiffy. How exactly was he killed?"

"By a knife-wound over the heart."

"Have they got the weapon?"

"No, worse luck. The probability is that the murderer flung it overboard. The water there's deep."

"You haven't told me yet what particular clue brought you here."

Royd remained silent so long that the sergeant closed his notebook.

"There's more than one, Mr. Wetherell. And though it's highly irregular, if it will give you any particular satisfaction I'll tell you what they are. The first is a crumpled half-sheet of notepaper that was picked up on his desk. It was an embossed heading, but part of it had been torn away, and all that was left was '42 Marq—' with 'S' underneath."

"Equipped with which information?"

"We found there was no thoroughfare in the South Eastern District beginning with 'Marq,' but in the South Western there was Marquessa Crescent. And number 42 had been occupied by yourself until you went to lodge last January with Mrs. East."

"Perfectly true," Wetherell's eyes twinkled. "And now for Clue Number 2?"

"That was a footprint on the cabin floor of a pair of very worn hobnailed shoes. We found them at the back of Mrs. East's coal-cellar."

"Splendid! And the next?"

"A cash-box in the cabin had been burst open. Inside was a list of securities and treasury notes. The securities were all there, but the notes were not, nor any list of their numbers. They amounted to over thirty pounds. We have reliable information to the effect that you have been recently seen in possession of a considerable sum."

"Which, boiled down, means that a couple of local tradesmen spotted the wad when I took it out of my pocket to pay for the new chair you're sitting in. And hence the itch to climb home the handcar. But now it's my turn. I'm going to take your clues, inspector, one at a time, and blow them to smithereens. We'll start with that half-sheet of paper."

"When I left Marquessa Crescent, I collected all the odds and ends which wouldn't be of any use to me at my new address, including some headed paper that was too dusty to be worth keeping, and sold the lot to a junk-dealer named Omsenstein for five bob. Which statement you can check for yourself."

"Thanks," said the inspector, dryly. "The hobnailed shoes," continued Wetherell, "are a still more painful example of false deduction. They were extremely old ones, which I had been using in a painting called 'On the Dole.' I had employed a legitimate out-of-work, one George Rivett, to pose for me. I don't know his present address, but you're reasonably certain to find him at the Green Parrot, in Mile End Road. When the sittings were over I made him a present of the shoes. They didn't, however, appeal to Mr. Rivett's aesthetic eye, and so far from being grateful, he must have taken the first opportunity of getting rid of them."

"Finally, we come to the notes, which I imagine the Yard regarded as practically equivalent to the black cap. Well, if you'll ring up Sir James Ufferton, Bart, of Dorchester House, he'll tell you that on the twelfth instant he sent me a cheque for twenty-five guineas for that self-same painting, 'On the Dole.' I paid it in to the nearest branch of Barrold's Bank on the following day, and drew out the money again, because I wasn't very well known here, and expected to have to make a good many small payments. How's that?"

The inspector shrugged his shoulders.

"Fairly conclusive, I'm afraid, Mr. Wetherell. You might have had a spare sheet of that headed notepaper, you might have worn the boots after your out-of-work model had pitched you in away, you might still have done 'em away, Penrose could have been dead all these clues manufactured so that they liberally manufactured so that they could be washed out later on, and the could be washed out bringing in a very jury be bluffed into bringing in a verdict of not guilty."

"By me?"

"I was going to say by a murderer"

cold-blooded and cool-headed enough to arrange them all beforehand. It's been done before."

"I suppose so."

"However, in placing all the cards on the table you've saved us a heap of time. I'll have to report at Headquarters, of course, but—"

The inspector held out his hand.

"But there the trail ends," said Tommy Wetherell, completing the sentence. "Good day and good luck, inspector. By gosh, that car of yours needs a wipe-down as badly as you need a wash! You're off half-way up your wrist."

The inspector glanced at the fingerprint Tommy had left on the back of his hand. He took a photograph from his pocket, and glanced at that.

"Penrose's hands needed washing when he shook hands with the chap who killed him, Mr. Wetherell. There was the same—"

"Quick, sergeant!"

"So it's the handcuffs, after all!"

Alighted Tommy Wetherell. "Through your keeping up your sleeve the one clue I didn't mean to leave. Good old Scotland Yard! Not that I meant to kill him outright. But the old man shouldn't have called me the names he did, with the knife so handy. 'Tit-Bits' (London).

Laughter

A mother had just been telling her small son some of the "facts of life" and when she finished she said, "Now, son, are there any questions you would like to ask? Anything at all, don't be afraid."

After a little heavy thinking, he replied, "Well, yes, there is something I've been wanting to know for a long time." Her heart failed her as she asked him what it was.

"Mother, just how do they make bricks?"—Parents' Magazine.

After a young lawyer had talked nearly five hours to a jury who felt like lynching him, his opponent in the case, a grizzled old veteran of the legal cockpit, rose, smiled sweetly at the judge and jurymen, and said:

"Your Honor, I will follow the example of my young friend who has just concluded, and will submit the case without argument."—Montreal Star.

The auctioneer held up a hand for silence. "Gentlemen," he said, "I wish to announce that yesterday a certain gentleman had the misfortune to lose his wallet containing \$1,000. A reward of \$250 will be given to any one returning the same."

After a short silence, a gentleman with a plain tam-o'-shanter was heard to murmur: "Two hundred and fifty-five."—Christian Observer.

Dorothy, attending the Episcopal Church for the first time, was surprised to see the people about her kneel suddenly. She asked her mother why, and was told, "Hush, they are going to say their prayers."

"What with all their clothes on!" said Dorothy.—Boston Transcript.

"Did you get my cheque?"

"Yes, twice. Once from you and once from your bank."—Dublin Opinion.

"Hm! I don't like the look of your wife at all, Mr. Blunt," said the doctor, after he had examined the patient.

"Neither do I," answered Blunt, "but still she's a good wife, and looks after the children and the house well—so I can't grumble, I suppose."—Montreal Star.

J. Hamilton Lewis, United States Senator-elect from Illinois, was making a speech at Danville, Va., the town where he was born.

A stranger in the square, asked an old Negro what was going on.

"Man makin' a speech," the Negro told him.

"Who is he?"

"I don't rightly know, sah, but he sure does recommend himself very highly."—Saturday Evening Post.

Little Mary, age five, driving through the country with her father, for the first time saw cat-tails growing along the road.

"Oh, daddy," she cried, "look at the hot-dog garden!"—The Kablegram.

The vital force that keeps man going is not solely physical and material, it is spiritual as well, a certain ethical and intellectual attitude to life.

—Sir Reginald Blomfield.

Notes From Paris

New Port of Pantin

The new port of Pantin on the Oureq Canal, on the northeastern side of Paris, has just been opened by the Minister of Commerce, M. Louis Rollin. Several concrete buildings have been constructed on the wharves to house cargoes of cotton, flour, motor-cars and so forth, which are lifted out of an endless stream of barges by the newest hoisting machinery. Other wharves deal with coal and grain. These are equipped with vacuum tubes which suck the grain up from the wharf to a distributing tower. From the tower it is conveyed to machines which put it into sacks.

Preparing to Widen Bridge

Pedestrians crossing the Pont du Carrousel have noticed lately a flat-bottomed boat anchored a few yards downstream near the northeastern pile of the bridge. Many have speculated as to the reason for its being there. The departmental engineers were examining the bed of the Seine, for it is now the turn of the Pont du Carrousel to receive expert attention. It is to be demolished, and a wider bridge is to be erected in its place. This reconstruction forms part of a program for the overhauling of all the Paris bridges. The Pont de la Concorde has been widened and the Pont du Louvre has been completely reconstructed, allowing ample room for boats to pass beneath its arches. The two bridges of Billancourt also have been widened, and this work has been done without once interrupting traffic or tramways which use these bridges to cross the river.

Sahara Calls Botanists

An expedition under the leadership of M. A. Chevalier, professor of applied botany at the French National Museum of Natural History, is to be sent out by the Governor-General of Algeria and French West Africa to study plant life in the Sahara. The cases of southern Algeria, which forms part of the Sahara, will be visited first, and after a study of their vegetation, the expedition will determine whether new plants can be introduced. It is for this purpose that cuttings from the vast variety of date palm, known as *deglut-nour*, finger of light—are being taken by the expedition. A permanent botanical garden is to be established at Reggan in the heart of the desert. From there the expedition will go to Niamey, on the Niger, to Air and to Lake Chad, where the breeding places of the African locust will be investigated. The party will return to France by way of the French Sudan and Senegal.

Putting the Alps to Work

Once upon a time a little boy watched the wheel of his father's paper mill being pushed round by the mountain stream coming down from the snowy Alps in the valley of Grosvaudan, near Grenoble. This little boy loved mechanics and before he was twenty he had taken the course at the Polytechnic School in Paris, and was back suggesting new ideas to his father for the running of the paper mill. But his father had always run the mill according to the old method, had done very well, and did not see any reason for making a change. His son went away, and started building railways in Andalusia, Spain. When he returned home, he bought a paper mill, but instead of being content to run it with the old water wheel, he built pipes 660 feet long, longer than any pipes that had ever been built for such a purpose, and sent the mountain stream rushing down these to work the turbines with more regularity and with greater speed. This man's name was Aristide Berges. He had set the Alps to work, and had discovered "white coal." The little wooden structure which he built can still be seen at Lancy, writes Mrs. Gilbert Hirsch, in the Paris edition of the New York Herald.

Snow At Twilight

A prisoner of pain, I lie and wait
The delicate magic you may set at play

Beyond my windows, though the sullen day
With clouds low-hanging seeks as if in hate

To caress your beauty and to abate
Your one brief hour of sovereignty.

So gray,
So dark it is, you well might cast away
Your wand ere noon be gone, and drowse too late.

Now evening hovers: the ashen web of trees
Blends with a heaven's ashes, then fades from sight.

When, swift! the magic is forth-true, trances,
In shiver curves of cold ethereal white

The enchanted wood its hidden beauty frees—
A Gothic vision soaring on his night

—Amalie Rivers, *Quarterly Review*.

Most Profitable But Not Doomed

Although in one season many have lost their children, yet so many and so efficient are their enemies that one of Nature's most prolific creatures is threatened with extinction in spite of man's best efforts to protect it. The jellyfish, covetously a new-cumey to the oyst bed, is now destroying oysters, rapidly increasing quantities.

Royal Bank of Canada

Issues Strong Report

Profits at \$5,446,327 fully cover regular dividends and usual appropriations—Total assets stand at over \$825,000,000—Liquid position well maintained, quickly available assets totalling \$348,630,551.

Further striking evidence of the unusual strength of the Canadian banking system and the rapidity with which it has been possible for leading Canadian banks to meet the changed conditions is afforded by the annual statement of The Royal Bank of Canada. The report, which is now going forward to shareholders, is for the fiscal year ending November 30th.

With the large resources at its disposal, the Bank has been able to readily adjust itself to the new conditions and at the same time maintain its characteristically strong liquid position.

With the less active trade conditions, the general business of the Bank, as represented by commercial loans, was on a smaller scale, but shareholders will be gratified in finding that profits were more than sufficient to permit of payment of the regular dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. and, in addition, to take care of all the usual appropriations, including \$600,000 set aside for Dominion Government taxes.

Assets Well Maintained

The general statement of assets and liabilities shows total assets in excess of \$825,000,000, a reduction of only about 7 per cent. as compared with the amount reported at the end of the previous year. In the light of lower commodity prices and general slackening of activity, the maintenance of total assets at such a high level should be regarded as a remarkably good showing.

In keeping with its policy, the Bank's liquid position, as usual, is strong one, liquid assets totalling \$348,630,551, or over 42 per cent. of liabilities to the public. The principal accounts included among them are cash items of \$150,286,891; Dominion and Provincial Government securities of \$55,472,655 and Canadian municipal

and British, foreign and colonial public securities of \$34,641,816. Call loans total \$76,293,380 and naturally represent a substantial reduction for the year, those in Canada being down \$18,847,965 or 23 per cent., and those abroad over \$7,000,000.

The generally lessened business activity is further reflected in commercial loans, which are \$444,512,877 a year ago. Letters of credit also show a reduction—nearly \$10,000,000—obviously due to curtailed international trade.

Total deposits stand at \$647,303,075, as against \$745,589,000 at the end of the 1930 year. The decline, as is well known, has been principally in deposits elsewhere than in Canada, those in the Dominion being down only \$7,160,000, and now amount to \$479,165,064, as against \$486,225,264.

Satisfactory Profits

The many shareholders of the Bank will be particularly interested in the profit and loss account, and the showing made should be regarded as very satisfactory. Profits for the year amounted to \$5,446,327, and these added to the amount brought forward from the preceding year brought the total available for distribution up to \$9,555,105. Payment of the usual 12 per cent. dividend absorbed \$4,200,000; a contribution of \$200,000 was made to Officers' Pension Fund; the usual amount of \$400,000 was appropriated for bank premises and \$600,000 was allotted for Dominion Government taxes. After meeting all these charges the substantial amount of \$4,155,105 was carried forward to credit of profit and loss into the next fiscal year.

The report will be submitted to shareholders at the annual meeting to be held at the Head Office of the Bank on Thursday, January 14th.

Happiness

Happiness is always a home-made article.

Religion should be a life, not a doctrine.—George Wilson.

Envy is destroyed by true friendship, and coquetry by true love.—Rochefoucauld.

The secret of success is simply doing what you can do, and doing well whatever you can do.

A wise man will desire no more than he can get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly.—Bacon.

The recognition of the inevitable in human affairs often brings composure where all else fails.—Grant.

Let us be generous of our dignity, as well as of our money. Greatness, once and for ever, has done with opinion.—Emerson.

Not Wanted

Mr. Smith-Farman acquired wealth by the death of a relative, and his wife became anxious to get into society. Her knowledge of social customs left much to be desired.

Their nearest neighbors were a very exclusive family, who were extremely

conservative regarding their friends. Mrs. Smith-Farman, desiring the acquaintance of this family, sent a card as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Farman present their compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Hart, and hope they are well. Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Farman will be at home on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

The family receiving it were equal to the occasion, and Mrs. Smith-Farman received the following reply:

"Mr. and Mrs. Hart return the compliments of Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Farman, and inform them that they are very well. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Smith-Farman will be at home on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Hart will also be at home."

Service

To serve man's necessity is charitable; to serve his convenience is warlike; to serve his iniquity is blamable; but to serve his purity is honorable.—W. Becker.

Riches

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ASPIRIN

(TRADE-MARK REG.)

Seven Gods Of Good Luck

By Arthemise Goerts in Japan (Dec., 1931.)

Despite differences in speech, customs, dress, thought and religion, the whole world has something in common when it comes to New Year celebrations. It is over a bridge of common superstition that the Western youngster of a New Year, toddling beside Father Time with his bourgeois and sceptic, meets the Japanese Shichi Fukujin, or Seven Gods of Good Luck, sailing the sea of time in their ship of Treasures that bears the world over the hope the New Year will bestow.

Japan, in common with the Western world, welcomes the New Year as an opportunity to start life anew. The houses are swept clean to welcome the Gods of Good Luck, and the brooms are tied up with red-and-white strings, to show that they are not to be used on the day following.

In some households, before the new shrine for the Gods of Luck is set up, whatever devils lurk in the house must be driven out. From grandfather to baby, the members of the family assault the devils in every room with parched beans. After this the gates of pine are erected. The trees are set up at either side of the entrance to the house so that they may ward off all evil, and insure only good things entering. Parts of the trees are used for making "lucky chopsticks." The chopsticks are made on New Year's Eve and are used for supper that night and throughout the New Year ceremonies. The hodo-maten, or sake pine, are not selected random, but are looked for in the "lucky direction" of the year, which is decided upon each year by the old people on inspiration.

The Japanese regard health very highly. At daybreak on New Year's Day, before the family starts to visit its shrine, each member of the household drinks of the wakamizu, or young water drawn from the well at dawn, and believed to have the power of preserving health. Some of the wakamizu is saved and used in the preparation of the meals during the holiday. Another health-giving New Year beverage is O-toso, which is served at all meals during the first three days of the New Year. All guests who arrive to make their congratulatory calls are served O-toso, which is made with medicinal spices, which give the liquor, sweet saké, or mirin, a pleasant flavor.

There are many things which must not be done in Japan to start the New Year properly. Whatever is done, or said, or felt on New Year's Day is considered a criterion of what will be done, said and felt throughout the year. Everyone courts a happy state of mind, all enmity is forgotten for the nonce, and the first day of the New Year begins peacefully and happily. One thing which must not be done is to mention any word containing the syllable shi: one meaning of which is "death," or to break the thong of a clog at the back while walking.

An abundance of lucky charms for themselves and their friends are found on the display counters of every enterprising shopkeeper. Bamboo rakes are bought "to rake in good fortune for the year"; the treasure ship bearing the Seven Gods of Good Luck is a charm which even the poorest peasant must have to start the New Year properly.

The head of each household goes to great trouble to prepare a sanctuary for the gods during the holiday ceremonies. The first fruits of the year are offered: two rice cakes, two fish, and two cups of saké. The common man usually invokes the Gods of Food and Wealth. The commercial class adds to these the Gods of Contentment and of Longevity. These four are called the Gods of Fortune and Prosperity. The remaining three are Wisdom, Glory and Love. These Gods are all symbolized by human figures.

Slices of paper depicting the Takarabune, or Treasure Ship, bearing the Seven Deities of Fortune aboard, are eagerly purchased by all classes of people in Japan, and placed under their pillows when they go to bed on the night of the second, to induce "Hatsu-yume," or "First Dream." If they dream of something pleasant and good, it is a sign that they will be happy and prosperous during the year. According to popular belief, the luckiest dream of all is that of Mount Fuji; next, a dream of a hawk; and, third, that of an egg plant.

New Year's Eve is a noisy, busy time. Each temple bell in the city strikes 108 times to signify the passing of the old year. Cais are made and feasts enjoyed. At midnight of the second night the master of each house raises his cup of O-toso and toasts his loved ones among family and friends; the toast is that "The Gods of fortune may bring you health, wealth, happiness and all that your hearts desire in the new year."

Argentine Railway Electrified
Buenos Ayres.—The Central Argentine Railway celebrated recently the completion of the electrification of its suburban system, totalling 230 miles.

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Local Items of Interest

During the past week or two it has been very quiet in police circles, no cases arising over the holidays.

The inaugural meetings of both the Grimsby and North Grimsby Councils will be held on Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, will hold a meeting in the parish hall, Friday afternoon, January 8th, at 3 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Grimsby Fire Department was held this Wednesday evening at which routine business was transacted.

A meeting of the West Lincoln Branch, Canadian Legion, will be held in the council chambers on Thursday evening.

The Masonic Lodge No. 7, A.F. and A.M. held a meeting on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall. Only the regular routine of business was transacted.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby Horticultural Society will be held in the Council Chambers on Saturday, January 9th, 1932, at 8 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

It is anticipated that the work being done on Robinson St. North on which a considerable number of the unemployed have been engaged, will occupy another couple of weeks.

Friends here will sympathize with Mr. Percy Fairbank, a former resident and member of the council here, in the bereavement sustained through the death of his mother, Mrs. H. E. Fairbank, who passed away at her home in Hamilton on Sunday last.

Up to Tuesday the town relief fund totalled \$721.24, while the sum of \$50.40, government refund for November, has been received.

The W. M. S. of Trinity United Church will hold its regular meeting the second Tuesday of each month instead of Thursday. The next meeting will be held on the 12th of January.

While driving on the highway near the Fifty, William Schuster, of Indiana, Pa., lost control of his new sedan which crashed into a tree. The car was very badly wrecked, but no person was injured in the accident.

The Baptist Church will be favored on Sunday evening next, with the presence of the Grimsby School Choir, conducted by Mr. G. L. Eaton. Mr. T. L. Dymond, the choir accompanist will be at the organ.

Fellow citizens and friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. John E. Hurd, of North Grimsby, is making favorable progress towards recovery at St. Joseph's hospital, Hamilton, following an operation for appendicitis.

The Lincoln County Council of which Reeve Wilkins of Grimsby and Reeve Lawson and Deputy Reeve Mitchell of North Grimsby, are again members, will hold its inaugural session on January 25th.

The I. O. O. F. will hold their next bridge at the home of Mrs. Moll, Main street west, on Friday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock. As this is an open bridge, friends intending to attend are kindly asked to communicate with Mrs. Graham at the Village Inn.

The Literary meeting of the I.O.E. will be held in the rooms on Monday afternoon, January 11th, at 3 o'clock. The program will consist of an afternoon with Russian authors, and a solo by Mrs. David Hunter. Everyone welcome.

On Thursday evening the Young Women's Auxiliary of Trinity United Church, will hold a Bazaar Supper in Trinity Hall, at 6.30. 6 o'clock election of officers will be held at this meeting.

Rev. H. S. Graham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Grimsby, has been appointed Moderator of the Hamilton Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, to succeed Rev. Frank Kovacs.

Friends here will be interested to learn that Mr. Fred Boulter, son of Mayor Boulter of Grimsby, was elected a member of the South Grimsby township council at the election held a few days ago.

Anniversary services will be held in St. John's Church, Grimsby on Sunday, January 17th. Rev. A. D. Sutherland of St. John's Church, Hamilton, will preach in the morning and Rev. Fred Goforth of Toronto, in the evening.

A local citizen was assessed \$5.00 and costs or a total of \$14.75 in police court on Tuesday for breach of the special revenue act, an inspector of the revenue department being the complainant.

The death occurred at Springbank, Ont., on Wednesday last of Mrs. Margaret Cassidy, mother of Mrs. A. Demill of this town in her 70th year, following an extended illness. The funeral took place on Saturday at that place. Mrs. Demill and children being in attendance.

The Grimsby Arena, much to the delight of those who love the popular pastime, skating as well as hockey, re-opened last week. There will be skating in the rink Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m., other nights being reserved for hockey practice.

The death of Mr. John Stonehouse, uncle of Mr. Ewart L. Stonehouse, of Grimsby, occurred at Port Hope on Monday in his 75th year, following a lingering illness. Burial will be made in Pine Grove cemetery, Port Perry on Thursday, when the funeral takes place.

Union services of the Presbyterian, United and Baptist churches in connection with the week of prayer being observed, are being held in the Presbyterian church this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at eight o'clock, conducted by the local ministers. Members of the choir are invited to assist in the musical portion of the services.

The Lincoln Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E., held their business meeting in their rooms on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, this being a postponement of the regular meeting to have been held before the holidays. No matters of great importance were brought up for discussion.

Provincial Constable Was Injured—Poor Visibility The Cause

Poor visibility was the cause of an accident to W. J. Embleton, provincial constable, near Grimsby, on Tuesday evening, December 29th. The officer's car was "limbo" out in two, but although he was thrown through the windshield, Mr. Embleton escaped with cuts and bruises. The officer was leaving east when he crashed into the rear of a large transport truck owned by Fogal Brothers, of Toronto, alleged to have been parked on the highway without lights. A attempt to swerve at the last moment, Mr. Embleton turned his car partly around and struck the corner of the truck, the impact being so great that his automobile was totally wrecked.

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Many Mourn Passing

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Johnson took charge of the remains which had been accompanied from Hamilton by a detachment of the C.A. M.C., in charge of Capt. Frank Alden. From this point to the cemetery all traffic both in the town and on the highway, was brought to a complete halt by police officers until the cortege reached the cemetery.

Members of the Grimsby town council, of which deceased was a former member, and North Grimsby township council attended in a body while a large number awaited the cortege at the cemetery where the flag-draped casket, upon which lay the dead officer's sword and cap, was carried through two long lines of veterans to its last resting place.

Rev. Mr. Benson, McMaster University, conducted an impressive service, after which three volleys were fired over the grave and the Last Post sounded. The veterans marched past the grave and each deposited a poppy upon the casket.

The firing party was in command of Captain Shoebridge and comprised C.S.M. Brignoli, Sergts. Warner, Palmer, D.C.M., Mason, M.M., and Ptes.

E. Ch. well, W. Robertson, A. Le-

Page, J. Warner, J. Robertson, W.

Arld, Shannon and Chivers.

The buglers were Sergts. Phipps, A.

Ambrose, E. Ambrose and Dennison.

The honorary pallbearers, all former

medical associates of Dr. McEay

were: Lt.-Col. D. P. Kapelle, D.S.O.;

Lt.-Col. K. E. Cooke, M.C.; Lt.-Col. D.

A. Warren, M.C.; Major L. A. Carr,

M.C.; Major W. J. Dendun, Major

P. W. Overholt, all of Hamilton and

Captain J. A. M. Livingston, of Toronto.

The dead officer's medals were carried

by Sgt. Leslie J. Farrell, while the

firing party was under the command

of Capt. Frank Shoebridge, of the

Grimsby. Among the officers present

were: Lt.-Col. W. W. Johnson, O.C.

of the L. & W. Regt.; Lt.-Col. Ar-

mand Smith, O.C. of the Westworth

Regt.; Major (Rev.) Gore M. Barrow,

Major Harold Drope, of Toronto; Capt.

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Capt. (Dr.) Gordon A. Sinclair, Lt.

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WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

Graduation

This week we have to record the formation of two more new regular Troops, one at Fenelon Falls and one at Portmouth, which have been formed as the direct result of Lone Scout activity.

These two now bring the total number of Troops founded by Lones up to twelve, which is a splendid record for the two and a half years that Lone Scouting has been organized in Ontario.

At Fenelon Falls Patrol Leader Douglas Warren, by his enthusiasm and tenacity has been responsible for the formation of the 1st Fenelon Falls Troop, and he has brought his father into the movement as the new Scoutmaster.

We are sorry to lose the Portmouth "Bulldogs" from the Lone Scouts, as they are members of the original group who formed the first Lone Scout Troop in this province, and they have hung together through "Thick and Thin" for three years and have done most excellent work. In this centre the leader was Patrol Leader John Meers, who has now brought his brother in to be Scoutmaster of the 1st Portmouth Troop, whilst John takes the position of Assistant Scoutmaster.

We congratulate these Lones on their "graduation," and whilst we are sorry to see them leave the ranks of the Lone Scouts, we know that they will find larger scope and new fields of activity in the troops which they have organized.

Canada on the "Toy Standard"
Canadian movie theatres in numerous cities and towns went on the "Toy Standard" in December. For special matinees, that is. The admission charge was made one toy, new or repairable, and the receipts were turned over to the local Boy Scout Christmas Toy Repair Shop.

We have not yet heard the official returns of the Scout Toy Shop scheme, but we know that there were a lot of happy kiddies on Christmas morning, who, if it had not been for this Scout Good Turn would have experienced a sad and disappointing Xmas.

We are glad that the Lones had a share in this work. Some of them sent out parcels from their own homes, others sent their toys to Lone Scout Headquarters.

1931 Goes Down As Record Heat Year

Washington.—The fellow who kept repeating through most of 1931, "gosh, it's hot," really had something to talk about.

Official records of the United States Weather Bureau show the year now closed as the warmest on record for nearly every state.

While generally there was an excess of high temperatures, there also was a noticeable lack of disturbing and costly weather phenomena, such as the widespread droughts of 1930, severe tropical storms and tornadoes and devastating floods.

Surrounded by his charts and figures, J. B. Kinsler, meteorologist, termed the excessive warmth the outstanding feature of 1931.

Training of Youths As Leaders Planned

Washington.—Development of informed national leaders from the country's youth was announced recently as the purpose of the formation of "The United States Society." Mr. Calvin Coolidge, Mr. Elihu Root, Mr. Newton D. Baker, Mr. Owen D. Young and Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University make up the board of advisors.

Mr. David Lawrence, newspaper editor and writer, is chairman; Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, vice-chairman; and Mr. Brockchert, international lawyer, secretary-treasurer.

U.S. Farmers Pay Back \$6,338,885 For Seed

Memphis, Tenn.—A recent announcement by Mr. J. H. Lynch, administrative official in charge of the Federal Farm Seed Loan Office here, reveals the fact that to date \$6,338,885 has been paid back to the United States by farmers in this territory for farm seed loans made during 1931.

"We feel very much encouraged by the payments," Mr. Lynch said. "The promptness with which farmers have repaid and the fact that we now have warehouse receipts for 75,000 bushels of cotton, prove the success of the plan."

Approximately \$22,000,000 was loaned by the Memphis office to farmers in the drought areas of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Farm Machine Exports of Canada Increase

Ottawa.—Exports of Canadian farm implements and machinery during November jumped to \$146,479 in November last as compared with \$114,820 the previous month. Figures for November, 1930, were \$325,810.

Scout Headquarters, from where they were forwarded to their new owners, and several who had neither toys or time sent contributions of money.

Taken all round it was a splendid "Good Turn" and quite up to Lone Scout Standard.

Santa Claus and Fairies
Although it is a well recognized fact that all Canadian Scouts believe in Santa Claus, we are not quite sure what their attitude is on the question of Fairies.

However, we have some interesting information on this subject from Australia, as the following will show: Lord Somers, retiring Governor of Victoria, told Australian Scouts that he thought he still believed in fairies when alone in the bush. "I could see a queer hole in a tree where some old robin might live; and at night I used to wonder whether the fairies came out to play." Lord Somers frequently led parties of Victorian Boy Scouts on hikes of several days in the bush.

A "Good Turn" and Its Rewards
All Scouts are expected to perform at least one "Good Turn" every day all the year around, and at any time that they can do an extra "special" one they should do so, but these good turns are done, not for reward, but in order that the Scout may be of service and helpful to others, thus living up to the obligations of his Scout Promise.

However, occasionally reward comes along when it is least expected, and in novel form, as happened to a 1st Moose Jaw (Sask.) Troop upon a one member's Moose Jaw Wild Animal Park Society conferred its Life Membership in recognition of the good work done by the Troop in improving the Park.

The World's Scout Jamboree, 1933
Those Lone Scouts who are interested in the 1933 World Scout Jamboree will be interested to know that Count Paul Teleki, former Prime Minister of Hungary, and Hungarian Honorary Chief Scout, has been appointed Camp Chief of the Jamboree Camp.

Are you interested in being a Lone Scout?

If you are between 12 and 18 years of age and unable to join a regular Troop write for particulars to the Lone Scout Department, 350 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

Britain Extends Air Service To Tiberias Sea of Galilee

London.—The little town and harbor of Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee, 700 feet below sea level, is now for the first time brought into regular high-speed communication with the outside world by the regular visits of big British flying boats on the Imperial Airways England-India service.

This is said to be the lowest level at which aircraft are regularly operated anywhere in the world. Below sea level the atmosphere gets denser. Theoretically, experts say a flying machine should take off a little more quickly with a large load and given a suitable engine, slightly higher speeds should be possible several hundred feet below sea-level than at normal height.

Czech Shoe King Uses Plane on Sales Trip

Prague.—What is described as the most lengthy and ambitious sales trip yet made by airplane began recently when a three-motored plane left the Zlin flying field for a 20,000-mile flight. The property of Thomas Bata, the Czechoslovak shoe king, it carried Bata himself, three heads of the export business of his firm, a quantity of samples, a British pilot, a Czech pilot and a wireless operator. The plane will visit all the larger cities in North and South Africa, Iran, Mesopotamia and Persia, fly along the coast of the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea to British India and Dutch India.

Japan's Mushrooms Popular in America

Tokyo.—Japanese mushrooms are being exported in increasing quantities to the American market and are yielding good profits to growers in Gifu Prefecture.

The Gifu Agricultural Society started experimental shipments with 1,500 pounds of fresh mushrooms to San Francisco, packing them in four-pound baskets which were crated and shipped in cold storage. First shipments met with great favor.

Flying Inns Popular

London.—Flying Inns are the latest attraction for air tourists in England. They are Inns which have landing fields for private airplane owners and club pilots. Among them is the Fountain Inn, half way between Stony Stratford and Fenny Stratford on the London-Coventry Road, kept by Lieutenant Harrison, late of the British Navy. The landing field is near the house and pilots wishing to land are asked to circle three times, this aircraft bringing an automobile to take them from the landing ground to the Inn.

On His Way to Health



How 13-year-old Clarence Hastings of Syracuse, N.Y., spent his Christmas. He has been in a respirator for more than a hundred days and there is every chance of his recovery.

Old Statue Ordains

Long Holiday In France

Paris.—The recent Christmas holiday afforded the French a long weekend. From December 21 until the following Monday they were free to make merry. Only a few civil service employees, such as the telegraph and telephone departments, were on duty. They also enjoyed another 3-day weekend over New Year's. A law passed almost a quarter of a century ago stipulates that when a civil holiday falls on a Friday or a Tuesday, the Saturday or the Monday intervening shall be considered a "fest-day" as well.

Valuable Paintings Donated to Canada

Ottawa.—Through the generosity of some public-spirited Canadians, the National Art Gallery of Canada has now come into possession of Van Dyck's masterpiece, "The Repentant Magdalene," and Jan Pravost's "Portrait of an Ecclesiastic." These paintings were on exhibit at the gallery here for many months, but were the property of the institution until a number of benefactors, who anonymity is being preserved, made it possible for the gallery to secure them.

Chemical Research May Improve Plants

Winnipeg.—Prof. H. P. Roberts, of the botany department of the University of Manitoba, is attempting to obtain a chemical which will stimulate growth in plants, and is investigating the effects of certain nutrient salts on plant growth. Prof. Roberts will be experimenting for two or three years before he can be certain of results.

West Produces Glass

Until three years ago glass had never been manufactured in Manitoba. Now the Mid-West Glass Company of Winnipeg turns out more than 500 tons of finished glass every month and employs over 100 people with a monthly payroll of \$10,000.

Shorter Skirts Predicted By Dictators of Fashion

Paris.—The dictators of fashion in Paris have decreed shorter skirts for the spring. Afternoon gowns will reveal as much of the ankle as the wearer cares to show, while outdoor suits will come no further than half way down the calf.

Spain's New President



Don Nicolo Alcala Zamora, new Spanish president, is installed with pomp and ceremony in Madrid. He is shown in his carriage acknowledging cheers of the crowd.

His Majesty's New Year Message

Prays for Return of Prosperity in London Message

London.—A prayer for the return of prosperity together with "the light of hope and strength of united purpose" was contained in a New Year message of the King, in reply to the greetings of the citizens of London, presented by the lord mayor.

"We live in times fraught with difficulties," the King said in his message of thanks, "but during the anxious days through which we have been passing the courage, determination and sacrifice of all classes to restore the fortunes of our beloved country filled me with admiration."

"It is in a spirit of confidence that I send my greetings to the citizens of London, praying that under Divine guidance the coming year may bring the light of hope and the strength of united purpose to our lives, and renewed prosperity to our land."

Measles More Deadly Than Scarlet Fever

London.—A remarkable theory of the evolution of measles, once one of the little regarded diseases of childhood, into one of the really dangerous ailments was advanced here recently by Dr. J. C. Ashton, well-known health expert. Measles ranks highest as a cause of death in childhood, he said, and leaves many victims with heart or respiratory weaknesses that become apparent later in life. British health authorities are warning the public to be on the watch for a serious epidemic of measles this winter, their prediction being based on the periodicity curve in public health figures.

"Measles seems to be increasing in virulence and to be gradually taking the place of scarlet fever from the point of view of its effect on the human being," he said.

"The popular view of measles ranks it as a mild and harmless disease. In general terms this is correct, but we must not let that fact hide two other facts of tremendous import: first, that more children die of measles than from any other infectious disease, and, secondly, that a child may recover from measles, but there may be something left behind."

"The aftermath in later life in the form of heart disease, kidney trouble, bronchitis, tuberculosis, and middle ear disease with deafness is a very heavy one."

Measles begins with sneezing, running of the nose and a harsh cough. The difficulty of diagnosing it in its early stages is due to the fact that there is nothing externally to distinguish it from a common cold.

"There is one sure way of telling measles in its early stage," says Dr. Ashton. "Look inside the lower lip and cheek for bluish white spots. If these are present, then it is measles without a doubt."

Canada's Minerals Meet Varied Needs

Toronto.—It is claimed that somewhere in Canada there is to be found every kind of mineral required in the world to-day. Canada possesses mineralized areas of great wealth. During the past few years mining areas have been opened in Northwestern Quebec, Northern Ontario, Northern Manitoba and British Columbia.

The growth of this industry is reflected in Government statistics, which show that 62,249 employees were engaged in it during the year 1932 and 95,102 in 1929; salaries and wages paid during the same years rising from \$75,025,501 in 1932, to \$124,400,511 in 1929, and capital invested from \$195,694,823 to \$367,921,033.

Clover Varieties Speed Up Outlook

Ottawa.—Clover and grass production throughout Canada increased substantially in most varieties last year, according to the markets service of the Dominion seed branch. The yield of red clover seed is expected to exceed 4,000,000 pounds with major increases in production reported in Eastern Ontario and Quebec. The production of alfalfa seed is estimated at 3,000,000 pounds, while a total yield of approximately 4,000,000 pounds of alfalfa seed is in sight, a much larger crop than usual.

Canada's Grass Seed To Beautify N.Z. Lawns

Toronto.—In recent years New Zealand's trade with the Dominion in seeds has not been all that could have been desired, but this trade is now showing improvement, and it has been found possible to create renewed interest in New Zealand grass seed. Efforts are being made to encourage sales, particularly in grass suitable for pastures, lawns, and golf links, and it is hoped that business in seeds will show a definite improvement.

Vegetables to be Certificated

Brussels.—All fresh vegetables sent from Belgium to England after March 15 must be accompanied by a certificate of origin, granted by the commune in which they are grown. The exportation of vegetables from France, via Belgium, is strictly prohibited.

Record Output Of Gold Deposits

Over 14 Per Cent. World's Low Grade Deposits Produced in Canada

Timmins.—A survey of general information from the gold producing mines of Canada toward the close of 1931 shows very reasonable assurance of an output averaging substantially over 240,000 ounces of the metal monthly—or an aggregate of possibly 2,880,000 ounces in 1932.

The increase in gold production during 1931 has been the most remarkable in the history of the industry. Government records already on hand provide assurance of the total for 1931, exceeding \$55,000,000 and possibly closely approaching \$60,000,000. This compares with \$39,000,000 in 1929 and \$43,000,000 in 1930—the former highest records ever attained in Canada. Moreover, the end of the year finds production at a rate of close to \$5,000,000—thereby indicating that for 1932 the output of gold in Canada will probably exceed \$60,000,000.

Canada is at present producing between 14 and 15 per cent. of the total current gold output of the world. The newness of the country and the vast extent of the favorable rock formations are factors which encourage a belief that growth of this industry will continue for some years to come.

A factor which promises to add in an important way to the gold resources of Canada is the attention now being given to low-grade deposits heretofore considered unprofitable. These deposits necessarily embrace exceedingly large tonnages, as they promise to establish another important backlog in the industry. A point of particular interest is in the township of Duparquet, where Nipissing Mining Company and Ventures, Limited, are bending their joint efforts to establish a large tonnage low-grade mine on the Beattie property. There are believed to be ten of millions of tons on the property.

Trade Improvement Predicted for 1932

Chicago.—Better business in general for 1932 was predicted today by 11 leaders in various lines.

Their views, published today in the January issue of Commerce, official publication of the Chicago Association of Commerce, were based on the belief that better management will result from the experience of the past.

"Organizations and individuals who have grown soft during the easy years are now trained down to lean, hard business fighting trim," said C. W. Nash, president of the Nash Motor Company. "Mistakes that were made are providing them valuable lessons for the future."

"Experience has definitely proved that we cannot shape or mould or change the natural economic forces of supply and demand with artificial expedients."

"Like medicine, these things are sometimes hard to take, but the sooner the dose is swallowed the sooner the recovery begins. That last two years should put our future on a healthier basis for resuming the forward and upward progress of the country's agricultural, industrial and financial condition."

Shallow Wells Used To Fight Fire Menace

Michigan forest fire-fighters last season developed a system of obtaining water for fighting ground fires by drilling shallow wells when no other nearby source was available, says the American Association for the Advancement of Science. On many occasions it was found possible to sink a well from three to eight feet into the ground in a short time and thus obtain sufficient water to keep a ground fire or a muck fire under control. The use of this system depends upon the height of the water table. When it is low the pump system cannot be used, but in ordinary seasons it has been found that a well point sunk a few feet into the ground will furnish enough water to fill portable tanks and pails.

Former Governor-General To Revisit Dominion

Ottawa.—Canada will be honored with a visit next spring from Lord Byng, former Governor-General, who debt settlements with other war debtors. Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in London.

Lord and Lady Byng will spend the winter in Jamaica and other islands of the West Indies. On the way home they plan to proceed to Vancouver via the Panama Canal. From Vancouver, they will cross Canada to Halifax, making a few stops in the principal cities, especially at Ottawa. It is planned that Lord Byng will be here for the Vimy Ridge anniversary dinner on April 9.

While there have been indications of former Governor-General's returning to Canada, these have been rather rare. Friends of Lord and Lady Byng throughout the country are looking forward with much pleasure to their coming.

Ever Faster

By J. L. Nayler, M.A., in Discovery. (November, 1931.)

Man is becoming quite accustomed to the idea of travelling at great speeds on land, and sea, and in the air. Some of the probable limitations to the speed which the human body can stand are interesting.

A few men have run 100 yards in 9.5 seconds and so have attained a speed a little greater than 21 miles per hour over this distance. At first sight it might appear that the human body as a whole has some limitation which would prevent its reaching a greater speed than this. But man began to ride a horse, and doubled his speed on foot without undue discomfort, though his risk of fatal injury was greatly increased.

The same fact in general is true today and man feels no discomfort, apart from the noise of the engine, when travelling steadily at 400 miles per hour, a speed exceeded during the recent speed trials on the Solent in England. There is this difference to be noted however. The man on the horse has the full force of the wind when the animal gallops, whereas in the racing scaplan he must not put out into the full air stream say a hand or he will have it so violently blown backwards as probably to break his wrist. The pressure on his hand would amount to 70 lbs. at 400 m.p.h. Seated in his cockpit he will, however, experience a pressure either greater or less than that of the atmosphere, according to the arrangements of the design to let in or exclude air. This can be varied from the head-on pressure of three points to the square inch to a negative pressure exceeding that figure. Incidentally, apart from any heat given out by the engine, he will experience a temperature rise due to his speedy passage through the air of about 15 deg. F.

Looking ahead to still greater speeds there does not appear to be any factor among those already mentioned which is likely to have an adverse effect on the human frame until some time when the speed of sound is reached at 740 m.p.h. Then, owing to the formation of pressure waves and the rapidly increasing resistance it is difficult to predict what will happen. But it is unlikely that a maintained speed of as high as 740 m.p.h. will be reached by the present generation for a number of reasons.

The question might be asked whether the speed of sound might be reached for a short time, say one minute. The human frame is always subject at rest to gravity forces, or in aeronautical terminology to an "acceleration of g." From experience in aeroplanes it seems that for about two seconds g can be experienced without injury, but that 10g or 11g will result in permanent injury at least. To attain or to exceed the speed of sound by any known method except the rocket will need a high acceleration for many seconds, so that experiments in this direction are not likely to produce good results. In fact similar difficulties may be experienced with rockets, too.

High accelerations are going to create another difficulty. Very high speed aeroplanes are going to need large manoeuvre fields, large spaces for turning, landing and taking off.

Consideration has been given to the strain limits of aircraft. With rapidly increasing speed similar cars must be taken with regard to the human body. This is a difficulty belonging to aircraft, for the motor car has the natural resistance of its wheels to curtail excessive speed. The proper streamlining of aircraft becomes a very important factor to the pilot if he is not to suffer injury from the tremendous air pressure exerted by a machine flying at very high speed.

Then, the high power developed by the engine means a great expenditure of heat, and this has to be dissipated rapidly or else the engine would over-heat and fail to function. A rough idea of the rate of fuel consumed by a fast Schneider Trophy race engine can be gauged when it is realized that the petrol is burned faster than it can be poured from a two-gallon can. Cooling apparatus tends greatly to curtail the racing speed of aircraft, and measures must be perfected to overcome this difficulty before any very great advances in speed can be obtained.

However, such difficulties will likely be overcome. When they do, there seems to be no limit in sight to the maximum speed until it approaches the velocity of sound. Then, owing to the rapid increase of resistance of all objects near this speed, it is impossible to predict the precise behavior. Great Britain has taken a particular interest in speed records, largely as an item of sport, and holds the world's record for aeroplanes, motor cars, cycles and boats.

Oil-Electric Cars Tested in London

London.—The London and North-eastern Railway conducted trials recently with one of their new oil-electric cars, built to carry 50 passengers and luggage at 45 m.p.h. The trial was run under normal conditions, the outward trip having nine stops, the homeward run a through trip. A gain of 6 1/2 minutes was made over normal runs of 45 minutes and on the homeward journey a speed of 64 miles per hour on the level was attained.

